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SUBJECT: SOMOZA CONDEMNS CUBA INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA

1. PRESIDENT ANASTASIO SOMOZA, SPEAKING AT THE FIRST CONGRESS OF LIBERAL PROFESSIONAL YOUTH IN MANAGUA ON FEBRUARY 1, FOR THE SECOND TIME IN TWO WEEKS, PUBLICLY CONDEMNED CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA.

2. SOMOZA ADMONISHED HIS AUDIENCE NOT TO BE SEDUCED BY THE SIREN CALL OF EXTREMIST IDEOLOGIES. "CHANGE COMES WITH LIBERTY," HE SAID, "LIBERTY WITH SELF-DETERMINATION, AND SELF-DETERMINATION MARKS THE COURSE OF A NATION. ...TODAY THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA ARE BEING DENIED THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION BY CUBAN COMMUNIST INTERVENTION." COMPARING US INTERVENTION IN NICARAGUA EARLIER IN TIME TO CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA, SOMOZA RECOGNIZED THAT SUCH ACTS WERE ONCE BROADLY ACCEPTED AS LEGITIMATE INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE. BUT THOSE DAYS ARE OVER, HE SAID, AND MADE A FINE DISTINCTION BETWEEN INVASIONS WHICH MIGHT BE JUSTIFIED ON A JURIDICAL BASIS AND THOSE WHICH ARE LAUNCHED FOR THE IDEOLOGICAL

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REASON OF DENYING PEOPLE THEIR RIGHT TO DETERMINE THEIR

POLITICAL FUTURE.

3. SOMOZA WARNED THAT JUST AS THE CUBANS WERE DECEIVED
AND ALLOWED THEIR COUNTRY TO BE ENSLAVED, AND THAT CUBANS
SENT TO FIGHT IN ANGOLA NOW SAY THAT THEY WERE DECEIVED,
NICARAGUANS SHOULD NEVER FORGET THE FINAL GOAL OF COMMU-
NISM. "TODAY WE WILL NOT PERMIT A POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY
TO BE IMPOSED BY BLOOD AND FIRE UPON FREE PEOPLES SUCH AS THE
ANGOLAN PEOPLE."
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